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FOLLOWING REPEAT VIENTIANE 05527 SENT ACTION SECSTATE DATED
15 JULY 1974:

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 5527

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT AND POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: A) STATE 151977

B) STATE 135799

1. ON JUNE 11, EMBOFF CALLED ON MESSRS. TOUGEU LYFOUNG
AND SEOMANIVONG INSIXIENGMAI, RESPECTIVELY DIRECTOR
GENERAL AND DIRECTOR OF JUDICIARY AFFAIRS AT LAO JUSTICE
MINISTRY TO ENQUIRE INFORMALLY ABOUT SUBJECT OF POLITICAL
PRISONERS. BOTH TONGEU AND SEOMANIVONG EXPRESSED
THEIR BELIEF AT THAT TIME THAT THERE WERE NO
POLITICAL PRISONERS IN LAOS. THEY AGREED
TO DOUBLE-CHECK ON SUBJECT AND REPORT FINDINGS TO EMBOFF.

2. ON JULY 5, EMBOFF MET AGAIN WITH SEOMANIVONG. HE
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STATED THAT HE HAD CHECKED CONCERNING THE POLITICAL

PRISONER QUESTION AND THAT HE COULD ASSURE US THAT
THE LAO GOVERNMENT IS HOLDING NO SUCH PRISONERS. EMBOFF
EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION AND NOTED,
IN PASSING, THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 32 OF THE FOREIGN
ASSISTANCE ACT.

3. THIS MISSION HAS NO OTHER INFORMATION INDICATING THAT
LAO GOVERNMENT IS HOLDING ANY PRISONERS ON POLITICAL
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